

REMARKS

In this paper, Applicants have canceled claims 1-6 and 8-10, amended claims 7, 11, 12, 14, and added new claim 15. Claims 7 and 11-15 are pending.

Enclosed is a check for \$200.00, for 1 independent claim over the 4 independent claims previously paid for. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Declaration

Enclosed herewith is a substitute declaration, signed by Cuvelier, van der Straten Waillet, Gossez, Vanderlinden, and Ghotbadinian. The signature of Clement is not provided in this document. Applicants contend that the Declaration of Clement, as submitted on June 17, 2004, was acceptable and that no replacement is needed.

Drawings

Attached is a modified Figure 14, having the first data set (Lp IN HOPPER (dB) - IMPULSE SCALE - MEASURED) changed to be a dot pattern. This change is made in the legend and the data bars.

A complete set of formal figures is attached.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7 and 11-13 were indicated as having allowable subject matter; they were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of claims 4, 5 and 6. Claim 7 is allowable, at least, because there is no teaching or suggestion of modifying a hopper to have chambers therein with packing material therein as claimed in claim 7.

Claim 11 has been rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of claims 8, 9 and 10. Claim 11 is allowable, at least, because the gas flow is contrary to the exhaust flow teachings of the cited references.

Claim 12 has been rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of claims 8, 9 and 10. Claim 12 is allowable, at least, because there is no teaching or suggestion of modifying a hopper to have chambers therein with packing material therein as claimed in claim

12. Claim 13 is dependent off of claim 12, and is allowable at least for the same reasons claim 12 is allowable.

Claim 14 has been amended to recite that the gas turbine air intake system further comprises a fan supported by the upper wall center region and a hopper including a plurality of chambers surrounding the fan, with the chambers having a region of packing material therein, language similar to that of claims 7 and 12. Claim 14 is allowable, at least, because there is no teaching or suggestion of modifying a hopper to have chambers therein with packing material therein as claimed in claim 14.

New claim 15 is similar to claim 11, reciting the gas flow path. Claim 15 is allowable at least for the same reasons claim 11 is allowable.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,880,813 (Yazici et al.). This rejection is moot, due to claims 1-4 having been canceled herein.

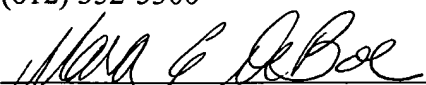
Claims 5-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Yazici et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,820,629 (Carlson et al.). Claims 8-10 and 14 were rejected as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,123,751 (Nelson) in view of Yazici et al. Claims 5-6 and 8-10 have been canceled here, rendering those rejections moot. Claim 14 has been amended as described above. Applicants contend that claim 14 is patentable.

Summary

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The sheets of drawings attached in the Appendix includes changes to Fig. 14. This sheet replaces the original sheet. The drawings have been changed as follows: The previously gray legend and bars of Fig. 14 have been changed to be dots, to better distinguish the white legend and bars.

A Replacement Sheet and an Annotated Sheet are attached.

A formalized complete set of all the figures is attached.



FIG.14

FAN SILENCER: PULSE ATTENUATION ON A UNIT 7X25H
GLASS WHOOL 80kg/m³ - SPACE OF 60mm - 1 VALVE PER PULSE

